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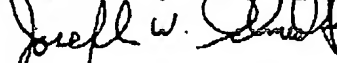
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REMARKS

An Appeal Brief was filed April 24, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. On September 21, 2006, Examiner Bui contacted the undersigned attorney via telephone to discuss the pending claims of the application. The amendments presented hereinabove are believed to be consistent with the agreements reached during the telephone conference and are believed to distinguish from the art of record. Applicants appreciate the courtesy granted by Examiner Vy Bui during the telephonic conference.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the references of record disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed in the claims as amended, considered individually or in combination, with themselves, considered in whole or in part. In view of the foregoing, allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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